

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, May 15th, 1883.

Last night was the evening appointed for the regular meeting of the City Council, after a three weeks' recess, but owing to the heavy rain it was 8.05 p.m. before a sufficient number of members put in an appearance. At that hour, however, His Worship Mayor Meredith called the Council to order, and Ald. Birrell, Hyman, O'Meara, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Becher, Browne were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Assessors, asking for an increase of salary from \$500 to \$700. No. 1.

From F. A. Fitzgerald, asking a reduction in taxes owing to his stores on Dundas street not being occupied. No. 1.

From Miss Christie, asking a grant in aid of the Newsboys' Home. No. 1.

From Alex. Farquhar, complaining of assessment for Wellington street sewer, and from D. Nolan to the same effect. No. 1.

From M. P. Grayden, acknowledging the resolution of sympathy in reference to the death of the late S. H. Graydon, Esq., passed by the Council.

From D. D. Hay, in reference to his visit to England as Ontario Emigration Agent, and asking what class of desirable emigrants were most needed. No. 1.

From Thomas Hiscox, stating that he had not received his assessment papers. No. 1.

From J. P. Simpson and others, asking the use of the City Hall for a religious discussion. Filed.

From R. Galpin, against income tax for 1882. No. 1.

From W. H. Winnett, asking for a new sidewalk on Grey street. No. 2.

From W. D. McGloshon and others, asking for the erection of a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Park avenue and Wellington street. No. 2.

From W. Peel, asking to be allowed to erect a summer kitchen at his house on Kent street. Granted.

From A. B. Powell & Co., asking to be allowed to erect a cross sign in front of their store. No. 2.

From R. James' against the extension of O'Mara Bros' building in the Market Bazaar. No. 3.

From Jane and Ellen Harris, asking exemption from taxes. No. 1.

From the Secretary of the Bicycle Club, asking for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 2nd of July. No. 2, with power.

From John Burrige, asking for a reduction of rent on his store in the City Hall building. No. 1.

From Barbara May, asking remission of taxes for 1881. No. 1.

From J. E. Lee, in reference to taking away the dam at Cashmere Mills to allow the fish to come up the river. Filed.

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

From the Bennett Manufacturing Company, the Canada Chemical Works, the Steel Works and the Ontario Car Works, regarding the rates to be charged them for water.

On motion, Mr. Thos. Muir was heard in reference to the water rate charged the Ontario Car Works. He had been promised by members of the Council of 1882 free water service exclusively for fire purposes. This was not an unreasonable concession to grant an establishment like the Ontario Car Works. At present there was three quarters' rate due, \$75 per quarter.

Ald. Skinner moved that the account now due by Mr. Muir to the Water Commissioners be referred to the Commissioners for collection.

Ald. Stringer was of opinion that Mr. Muir would not be injured in any way by this action, as London East Council had engaged to give the Ontario Car Works free water and would have to pay the bill.

Ald. O'Meara seconded the motion and opposed exempting the Ontario Car Works. He condemned the way in which the Water Inspector had allowed the city water pipes to be tapped in London East.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the discussion of the subject be laid over till the reading of No. 3 Committee's report.

The amendment was carried.